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TAGS: AORG, IAEA, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH DEMARCHE REGARDING SEAT ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1. SPANISH EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JOSE SIERRA AND INDUSTRIAL COUNSELOR GALLEGO MET WITH DEPT OFFICERS (SPANISH AND IAEA DESK OFFICERS) TO PRESENT NOTE VERBALE CONTAINING SPANISH PROPOSAL TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SPANISH AND SWEDISH UNHAPPINESS WITH CONTINUED ITALIAN DESIGNATION ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. NOTE PROPOSED THAT THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED SEATS BE INCREASED BY ONE TO THIRTEEN SEATS SO THAT EACH YEAR TWO OF THE THREE COUNTRIES (ITALY, SPAIN AND SWEDEN) COULD SERVE ON BOARD FOLLOWING A PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION. COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

2. DEPT OFFICER SAID THAT FIRST REACTION ON AN INFORMAL  
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BASIS WAS RATHER NEGATIVE TO ANY PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, PARTICULARLY FOR WESTERN EUROPE BENEFIT SINCE IT HAS ALREADY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DESIGNATED SEATS ON THE BOARD. DEPT OFFICER NOTED THAT US GENERALLY FAVORED PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION OF REGIONAL SEATS BASED ON CONSENSUS WITHIN REGIONAL GROUPINGS AND ASKED ABOUT SPANISH CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SWEDES OR OTHER IAEA MEMBERS ON THIS

MATTER.SIERRA DID NOT KNOW IF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAD

CONSULTED THE SWEDES ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL BUT UNDERTOOK TO  
FIND OUT.

3. WHEN ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR DISCUSSED WITH DEPT  
OFFICER ITALIAN CONCERN ON THIS SUBJECT IN FEBRUARY,  
HE REPORTED THAT THE THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN WISE MEN (THE  
GOVERNOR OF FRANCE, A BRITISH AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE)  
WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN MARCH ON  
CRITERIA TO BE USED TO JUDGE WHICH OF THE THREE COUNTRIES  
IS MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY. DEPT  
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE MISSION OR OTHER  
ADDRESSEES CAN OBTAIN ABOUT THESE CONSULTATIONS AND MISSION  
ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESS OF THE WISE MEN'S  
EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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